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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PGOV, EINV, SF, US

SUBJECT: FORD-VORSTER MEETING

1. ASSUME EMBASSY BY NOW HAS RECEIVED USINFO RELAYING
TEXT OF 1/18 NYT ARTICLE COVERING FORD VISIT TO SOUTH
AFRICA, INCLUDING FORD'S MEETING WITH VORSTER.

2. FYI: ARTICLE AND ACCOMPANYING PICTURE SHOWING
FORD AND VORSTER TOGETHER AROUSED INTENSE INTEREST
OF REP. DIGGS, WHO APPARENTLY HAD NOT BEEN AWARE
THAT VISIT WAS TO TAKE PLACE. DIGGS CALLED DEPART-
MENT TO REQUEST INFORMATION ON VISIT, INCLUDING
ACCESS TO SUBSTANTIVE REPORTING CABLES WHEN RECEIVED.
DIGGS ALSO ADVISED THAT HE INTENDED TO ENCOURAGE
UAW TO SEND A UNION TEAM TO SOUTH AFRICA IN NEAR
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FUTURE TO MEET WITH AUTOMOBILE WORKERS AND OBSERVE
CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH THEY WORK.

3. REQUEST ANY READOUT YOU CAN OBTAIN ON FORD'S
MEETINGS WITH VORSTER AND BOTHA BEYOND THAT WHICH
HAS APPEARED IN PRESS. SOME OF THIS INFORMATION
AT LEAST MIGHT USEFULLY BE IN FORM THAT COULD BE

SHARED WITH DIGGS. CHRISTOPHER

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